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The Honorable Paula Hawkins, Chairman Drug Enforcement Caucus United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 1984, inviting me to participate in the upcoming Western Hemisphere Conference on Narcotics Control.

As you know, the Intelligence Community continues to provide foreign intelligence support to narcotics control policy initiatives and Federal law enforcement activities called for in the international narcotics control strategy. I have reviewed the Community's ongoing efforts and relevant findings based on its past work on the narcotics problem. I find that these must remain classified, and I'm sure you would agree that we should avoid discussing them in an open forum such as the conference. As a result, I must respectfully decline your kind invitation.

Please be assured of the Intelligence Community's continued support for the efforts of the Drug Enforcement Caucus.

Sincerely,

7s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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